

Ready to Read

An Early Literacy Newsletter

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Keep Reading During the Summer!



During the summer, you should make regular visits to the library, attend library storytime programs and read to children. When you read and talk to children about stories, it helps them

remember the early literacy skills they learned in their child care centers or Head Start classrooms.

Participating in Fairfax County Public Library's

Summer Reading Program is one great way to encourage reading during those hot summer months. The Summer Reading Program runs from June 18 to August 31. To receive a coupon book full of free and discounted prizes, preschoolers should read, or have someone read to them, 15 books.

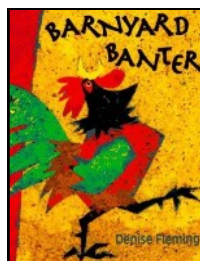
Turn in completed reading logs to your library branch by August 31.



Great Authors...Great Books for Summer Reading

Fairfax County Public Library has a wonderful selection of books that young children will enjoy hearing read aloud. Find these and many other stories by well-loved authors at your neighborhood library branch!

Books by Denise Fleming



Barnyard Banter

All the farm animals are where they should be except for the missing goose.

Beetle Bop

Illustrations and rhyming text reveal a variety of beetles and their activities.

Lunch

A very hungry mouse eats a large lunch comprised of colorful foods.

Shout! Shout it Out!

Mouse invites the reader to shout out what he or she knows as they review numbers, letters and easy words.

Books by Patricia Hubbell

Boats: Speeding! Sailing! Cruising!

Illustrations and rhyming text celebrate different kinds of boats and what they can do.

Horses : Trotting! Prancing! Racing!

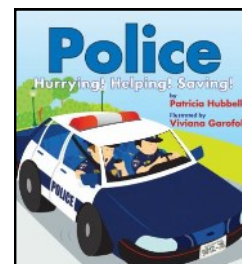
Rhyming verses describe how horses work, rest and play.

Police: Hurrying! Helping! Saving!

Illustrations and rhyming text celebrate police officers and what they do.

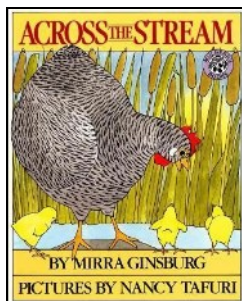
Shaggy Dogs, Waggy Dogs

Although dogs enjoy riding in trucks and romping in parks, their favorite activity is loving you.



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Books by Nancy Tafuri



Across the Stream

A hen and her three chicks escape a fox by crossing the stream with the help of a duck and her ducklings.

The Big Storm

Ten animals find shelter in a hill hollow.

Blue Goose

When Farmer Gray goes away for the day, Blue Goose, Red Hen, Yellow Chick and White Duck get together and paint their black and white farm.

Mama's Little Bears

The Little Bears explore their forest home, but never stray too far from their Mama.

Books by Mo Willems

Cat the Cat, Who Is That?

An exuberant cat introduces readers to her friends.

The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?

Pigeon is very angry when the duckling gets a cookie just by asking politely.

Leonardo the Terrible Monster

Leonardo is terrible at being a monster and when he finds the perfect nervous little boy, he tries unsuccessfully to scare him.

Should I Share My Ice Cream?

Gerald the elephant wonders if he should share his ice cream cone with Piggie.



Informational Books

Little Swan by Jonathan London

A trumpeter swan family stays close together as the

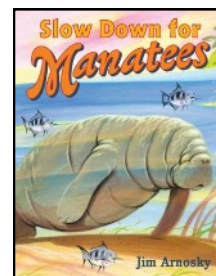
cygnet learn how to feed themselves, honk when predators are nearby and develop flight feathers. Includes facts about the trumpeter swan, the largest waterfowl in the world.

Quiet in the Garden by Alik

Sitting quietly in his garden, a little boy observes the eating habits of birds, bugs, butterflies and other small animals. Includes instructions on how to make your own garden and a detailed illustration of plants typically found in a garden.

Slow Down for Manatees by Jim

Arnosky
Injured by a passing motorboat, a pregnant manatee is rescued and taken to an aquarium to recover and have her baby in a safe environment.



Sign Up Preschoolers Online!

- 1) Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library and select "Summer Reading Program."
- 2) Select "kids."
- 3) Select "Sign Me Up."
- 4) Fill out the form (be sure to note your user name and password).
- 5) Select "Add/View Log" to record your books.
- 6) When children have read 15 books or had them read aloud, you may print a certificate of completion.
- 7) Come to your library's information desk (with or without certificate).
- 8) Receive prize: a book of coupons for free and reduced-price items from our sponsors.
- 9) Keep reading and recording more books (but children will only receive one coupon book).

